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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alex TAYLOR et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 09/981,835

Examiner: L. RIES

Filed: October 19, 2001

Docket No.: 110914

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORWARD ANNOTATING DOCUMENTS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, and 19 are pending. In reply to the January 11, 2006 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks. Applicants respectfully note that consideration of the following remarks is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as no amendments to the claims are presented and the remarks are in response to arguments first raised in the January 11 Office Action.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Price et al., *Linking by Inking: Trailblazing in a Paper-Like Hypertext* (hereinafter "Price") in view of Golovchinski et al., *From Reading to Retrieval: Freeform Ink Annotations as Queries* (hereinafter "Golovchinski") and further in view of Lawton et al., *The Knowledge Weasel Hypermedia Annotation System* (hereinafter "Lawton"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.